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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS OF VISITORS FROM WILLIAM PATTERSON

COLLEGE, N. J., TO INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE,

KAOHSIUNG

1. DEPARTMENT (EA/ROC) HAS RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM DR. SEYMOUR HYMAN, PRESIDENT OF WILLIAM PATTERSON COLLEGE, NEW JERSEY, REGARDING THE JULY 8-13 VISIT OF SEVEN STUDENTS AND TWO FACULTY MEMBERS TO INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, KAOHSIUNG. ACCORDING TO DR. HYMAN THE GROUP WAS SUBJECTED TO VARIOUS TYPES OF HARASSMENT INCLUDING UNANNOUNCED SEARCHES OF ROOMS AND LUGGAGE, CONTINUAL SURVEILLANCE, PRESSURE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE MEETING, ETC. DR. HYMAN SAID THE GROUP FROM WILLIAM PATTERSON COLLEGE WAS SO UPSET BY THE TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED AT KAOHSIUNG THAT THEY RETURNED TO TAIPEI SEVERAL DAYS EARLY AND CURTAILED THEIR VISIT TO TAIWAN. BEFORE DEPARTING, THEY DISCUSSED PROBLEMS WITH RSO JOHN MCPOLAND AND CONOFF EDWARD WILKINSON. DR. HYMAN STRESSED THAT BOTH

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EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE VERY COURTEOUS AND HELPFUL.

2. VISIT WAS ARRANGED THROUGH KINGSBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN NEW YORK CITY FOR WILLIAM PATTERSON STUDENTS STUDYING CHINESE AND ENROLLED IN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

DR. HYMAN SAID INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE CONTRI-

BUTED \$5,000 TOWARD TRAVEL EXPENSES. HE BELIEVES TROUBLE MAY HAVE STEMMED FROM THE DESIRE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE TO EXPLOIT ITS CONNECTION WITH WILLIAM PATTERSON COLLEGE TO ENHANCE ITS CHANCES OF ATTAINING ACCREDITATION.

3. AFTER HEARING GROUP'S ACCOUNT OF EVENTS, DR. HYMAN IS CONCERNED OVER WHETHER WILLIAM PATTERSON COLLEGE SHOULD PROCEED WITH ITS PLANS TO HOST THE RETURN VISIT BY 13 STUDENTS AND TWO FACULTY MEMBERS FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH. THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ABOUT AUGUST 10 FOR A WEEK'S STAY. WILLIAM PATTERSON COLLEGE IS NOT CONTRIBUTING TO TRAVEL EXPENSES BUT WILL PROVIDE FREE DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION AND ARRANGE FOR SOME MEALS TO BE PROVIDED BY LOCAL FAMILIES.

4. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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